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Award

ASH In-Service Support Transparency Notice - UK5

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Reference

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Description

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Contract 1. ASH In-Service Support

Supplier

- Entserv UK Limited

Contract value

- £2,278,374 excluding VAT
- £2,734,048.80 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

x2 1-year options to extend the duration to a maximum of 5 years.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72300000 - Data services
- 48731000 - File security software package
- 48732000 - Data security software package
- 48750000 - Storage media loading software package
- 48771000 - General utility software package
- 48782000 - Storage management software package
- 48783000 - Content management software package

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Defence and security

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

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It is considered that this contract can be awarded under section 41 of the Procurement Act 2023 because the direct award justification specified in paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 (technical reasons) applies.

This is because a change in supplier would require a transfer of the disaster recovery servers and network link which would in turn require a new set of cyber security assurances and penetration testing. The ASH system would be unusable until this was complete as it would not be cyber secure. Due to the nature of the requirement this capability gap would introduce an unacceptable level of risk.

Given the bespoke nature of the ASH system, the absence of alternative suppliers with the required technical expertise, and the significant operational and financial risks associated with transitioning to a new supplier, a direct award to Entserv UK Limited is the only viable option, there is no reasonable alternative.

Supplier

Entserv UK Limited

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. ASH In-Service Support

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRL-5831-GLMM

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government